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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)
FROM: Director of Security
SUBJECT: Inspector General Survey of the
Office of Security, July 1954

1. Reference is made to the memorandum dated 4 April 1955 from the Deputy Director of Support to the Director of Central Intelligence, transmitting the recommendations of the Inspector General's report on the subject survey in tabulated and categorized form according to the status of action in each case. Also included were 20 supplementary recommendations compiled from suggestions and observations gleaned from the report. The above mentioned memorandum transmitted the responses of this Office to each item tabulated.

2. It is noted in the memorandum that the Deputy Director (Support) will confer with the Inspector General to determine whether he will withdraw or modify his recommendations after considering the additional information furnished. It is also noted that a report is to be made by the Deputy Director (Support) to the DCI on 1 June 1955 on the disposition of items in categories C, D, and E.

3. With respect to the two items in category D, identified as Recommendations #20e and 20n, recommending the transfer of name check activities and certain personnel from [REDACTED] the following is the position of the Office of Security:

Concerning the name check activity, our experience has clearly demonstrated the definite and close inter-relationship between name checking and field investigative work. They are not separate operations, but are integral parts of the whole investigative effort. The information developed in the name check operation affects the field investigations on a day to day basis and vice versa. Their separation would not tend to increase investigative efficiency. Accordingly, no change in this relationship is contemplated at this time.

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4. With respect to the items in categories C and E, the responses transmitted to the DCI under date of your memorandum, 4 April 1955, accurately reflect the position of this Office on each recommendation therein. In the absence of any indication as to the position of the Inspector General concerning the responses of this Office covering those items, it does not appear that any useful purpose would be served in restating the position of this office on each recommendation.


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